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1. [REDACTED] INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING Attended as an observer a briefing of the Program and Budget Authorization Subcommittee of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, on CIA missions and functions. Witnesses for the Agency were John McMahon, DDO; [REDACTED] Comptroller; and [REDACTED], AD-M/NFAC. [REDACTED] Deputy Legislative Counsel, also attended. (See Memorandum for the Record.)

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2. [REDACTED] LEGISLATION Called Bob Carlstrom, OMB, about several letters we have pending at OMB. With regard to our response to Representative Samuel Devine (R., Ohio) concerning possible changes in the Freedom of Information Act, Mr. Carlstrom said that they were troubled with several of our proposals. Specifically, they questioned whether our proposal to limit access to U.S. residents and resident aliens was necessary (i.e., are requests from foreigners really a problem?). Second, OMB could not clear our proposal for additional days to respond to requests based upon the amount of pages which had to be reviewed. Third, they still oppose charging requests for time spent in reviewing documents. Fourth, OMB feels that it is not possible to make a meaningful regulation against blanket requests because you could not clearly determine what is a specific request as opposed to what is a blanket request. He suggested language which would limit requests to "specific subjects of manageable proportions."

In addition Mr. Carlstrom said he would clear our views letter on S. 1720 and S. 1721, bills to amend the Administrative Procedure Act, early next week.

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3. [REDACTED] LIAISON Spoke with Carolyn Fuller, on the staff of Senator Walter Huddleston (D., Ky.), who asked that we postpone her briefing scheduled for today. We did not set up a new time for her briefing. NFAC/CSS was notified.

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✓ 4. [REDACTED] LEGISLATION Called Bob Carlstrom, OMB, and asked if we could have an extension on our response to OMB's request for comments on the Department of Justice views letter on S. 1845, the polygraph bill. He granted an extension until Monday, 23 January.

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